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**SUPERVISORS APPROVE RIDLEY-THOMAS'
REQUEST TO FUND 'NO HATERS HERE'
PROGRAM AT WASHINGTON PREP HIGH SCHOOL**

LOS ANGELES – Acting on a motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, the Board of Supervisors today authorized an agreement between the County and the Los Angeles Unified School District to implement a program designed to head off intergroup conflicts at Washington Preparatory High School.

The zerohour.com “No Haters Here” program, designed by the County’s Department of Human Relations to create a campus-wide culture of peace and respect, was previously implemented at Pomona High School and Hart High School.

“We should not underestimate the need for dealing with human relations as it relates to tolerance on our school campuses,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said. “The lack of civility on campuses must be confronted. This will require proactive work.”

The Board’s approval will enable the County’s Human Relations staff to provide leadership, consultation, technical assistance and programmatic support in implementing the program at Washington Prep and its feeder middle schools.

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